Presentation on LEATHERGOODS & FOOTWEAR MANUFACTURERS & EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION OF BANGLADESH (LFMEAB)
LFMEAB

The Leathergoods and Footwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association of Bangladesh (LFMEAB) is the recognized trade body that represents most of the major export oriented manufacturers & exporters of leather goods & footwear in Bangladesh.

The main objective is to promote and protect the interests of the industry & its members, encourage cooperation and safeguard the interests of industry, all with the objective of boosting competitiveness.

The services are:
- Policy & Advocacy for members
- GSP Endorsement
- Provide Certificate for Capital Machinery Release
- Provide TT Certificate
- Provide Export Certificate
- Provide recommendation for New Bond License
- Renewal of Bond License
- Provide Membership certificate for new members
- Provide Certificate for indemnity Bond License
- Compliance Monitoring
LFMEAB WORKS WITH:

• Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute (BFTI)
• World Trade Organization (WTO)
• Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)
• Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Dhaka (MCCI)
• Exporters Association of Bangladesh (EAB)
• Bangladesh Board of Investment (BOI)
CURRENT LFMEAB STATUS

- LFMEAB currently have 120 active members who are export oriented.

- Compliance for success program and achievements:

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<th>Timeline</th>
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<td>Increase of Compliant Members</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>33%</td>
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• LFMEAB is implementing 2 Projects in association with the EU

✓ Support for the development of the value added leather products (footwear and leather goods) clusters and value chain

✓ Support to skills development of business intermediary organizations (BIOs)
STRATEGIC PARTNERS OF LFMEAB

Bangladesh INSPIRED
Developing SMEs

European Union

International Labour Organization

The Asia Foundation

One stop skill solutions for leather
YEARLY TREND IN EXPORT PERFORMANCE

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<td>297.83</td>
<td>330.2</td>
<td>399.7</td>
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<td>55.4</td>
<td>99.4</td>
<td>161.6</td>
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<td>LEATHER FOOTWEAR</td>
<td>199.4</td>
<td>234</td>
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Ref: www.epb.gov.bd
## CURRENT EXPORT PERFORMANCE OF BANGLADESH LEATHER SECTOR

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<th>Mn. US $</th>
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<td><strong>USD</strong></td>
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<td>(7) Leather (Chapter 41)</td>
<td>399.73</td>
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<td>(8) Leather Product (Chapter 42-43)</td>
<td>161.62</td>
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<td>(24) Leather Footwear (Chapter 6403)*</td>
<td>419.32**</td>
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<td>LEATHER SECTOR (Leather + Leather Products )</td>
<td>561.35</td>
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*For the FY 2014-15 Footwear has been divided into Leather (6403) and Other (excll 6403)

**Figure includes both Leather Footwear and Other Footwear

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ON GOING ACTIVITIES:

• The CAD facility will be fully functional by June, 2015.

• Potential Market Analysis will be complete by May, 2015.

• Knowledge Resource Centre (KRC) is functional and the resources are regularly being updated.

• LFMEAB in association with COEL is developing business proposals and strategic business plans.

• Base line survey of Leather Sector will be done by March, 2015.

• Full functional Strategic Plan (2015-2019) will be approved by the next AGM.

• KRC Operational Plan will be completed by March, 2015.

• Two operational Common Facility Centres (CFCs) in Hazaribagh and Bakshibazar will be completed by June, 2015.
RECENT ACTIVITIES

• Membership with IFC.

• LFMEAB signed a group insurance contract with Guardian Life Insurance Limited.

• Signed agreement with Consultancy Services International (CSI) for teaching social compliance.

• Tripartite agreement with PICARD and GIZ on Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series (OHSAS).

• LFMEAB in conjunction with Centre of Excellence for Leather Skill Bangladesh (COEL) trained 10,900 people.

• Took part in Environment Friendly Leather Industries in Bangladesh- A road map to competitiveness and sustainability.

• MoU was signed between LFMEAB and Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) to foster a closer networking and to promote the footwear Industry.
LFMEAB ORGANIZED TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS ON:

✓ Customs & VAT Act
✓ How to Start Business
✓ Compliance for Success
✓ Social Compliance

LFMEAB ATTENDED:

✓ Leathertech Fair 2014
✓ DITF 2015
✓ 5th World Footwear Congress Leon, Mexico
✓ Guangdong 21st Century Maritime Silk Road International Expo, China.
✓ CIFA Board of Directors Meeting, India.
✓ Visit at FDDI, Delhi.
✓ Visit & Meeting at IIFCOMA, India.
FUTURE PLANS

LFMEAB WILL:

• Attend 31ST APLF - FASHION ACCESS, HONGKONG in March, 2015

• Prepare factory profile for the sector in association with LSBPC.

• Sign an agreement with Intertek Footwear Laboratory.

• Attend and present a paper on Bangladesh Leather sector and participate in the annual conference of the Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists to be held in the University of Northampton, in 2015.

• LFMEAB has 2 certified auditors and another one will be certified by the middle of this year.
GALLERY

Compliance workshops/trainings
TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS
MoC, SENIOR SECRETARY VISIT
INTERNATIONAL MARKET LINKAGES
SIGNING CEREMONY
THANK YOU!